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SUBJECT: FMS CASE DA GABON UAA

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1. CADILLAC GAHE REP HEDGES MET NOVEMBER 18 EITH  
PRESIDENTIAL GUARD COMMANDER, GENERAL MARTIN. MARTIN  
INSTISTED THAT OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE TRAINING FOR  
V-150S BE CONDUCTED IN GABON SINCE "CULTURE SHOCK" OF  
GABONESE GOING TO US TOO GREAT. REQUESTD THAT HEDGES  
PRESENT ESTIMATE OF HOW LONG C-G REP COULD SPEND IN  
GABON TRAINING FRENCH OFFICERS OF PRESIDENTIAL GUARD  
FOR SAME PRICE AS AGREED UPON IN CASE UAA FOR STATESDIE  
TRAINING. MARTIN EMPHASIZED THAT COST OF TRAINING WOULD  
HAVE TO REMAIN WITHIN LIMITS OF ORIGINAL AGREEMENT DUE  
TO BUDGET CONSTRAINTS.

. HEDGES AGREED TO PRESENT SUC A TIME ESTIMATE ALONG  
WITH AN ALTERNATE PROPOSAL FOR A C-G REP TO REMAIN  
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IN GABON ONE YEAR TO TR?6 40-50 GABONESE CADRE AND  
TO PROVIDE AFTER SALES SERVICE. MARTIN WAS COOL  
TOWARD THIS IDEA BUT AGREED TO EXAMINE FINISHED  
PROPOSAL. HEDGES PROMISED TO SUBMIT BOTH PROPOSALS  
TO GEN MARTIN BY DECEMBER 20.

3. GABONESE WILLING TO START IN COUNTRY TRAINING

ANY TIME.

4. HEDGES IMPRESSED UPON MARTN THAT FRENCH 90MM AMMUNITION ISNEITHER DESIGNED FOR NOR ADAPTABLE TO THE BELGIAN MECAR 90MM GUN. MARTIN GAVE ASSURANCES THAT HE WAS AWARE OF THIS PROBLEM AND THAT PROPER MUNITIONS WOULD BE PROCURED FROM BELGIUM.

5. COMMENT: HEDGES AND WE HAVE IMPRESSION THAT FRENCH OFFICERS OF PRESIDENTIAL GUARD DESIRE AS LIMITED AN AMERICAN INFLUENCE AND PARTICIPATION AS POSSIBLE. YATES

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